

Activity Sheet



Bear and Duck

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Description – Bear does not want to be a bear any longer. He sees a line of happy yellow ducklings, and wonders if he could be a duck. After some lessons from Duck, Bear soon learns that being a duck is fun; but as it turns out, Bear realizes he makes a really good bear. This book celebrates friendship and unique qualities of individuals.

Before you read this book: Sing the Going on a Bear Hunt “repeat after me” song: Goin on a Bear Hunt, We’re gonna catch a big one, I’m not scared, What a beautiful day, Uh-Oh, Grass, Long wavy grass, Can’t go over it, Can’t go under it, Can’t go around it, Got to go through it (swish swash sounds with hands). Goin’ on a Bear Hunt...Uh-oh, Mud!, Thick oozy mud, We can't go over it, We can't go under it, We've got to go through it! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!... (other verses available online) or Old MacDonald – with various animals that live on the farm (pig, duck, chicken, etc.) so you can reference the similarities and differences between animals.

While you read this book: Ask students questions such as: “Does Bear make a very good duck?” “What’s different between a bear and a duck?” Point out the illustrations and ask students how they think the animals feel based on their facial expressions.

After you read the book: Have the students act out moving (and sounding) like a bear, a duck, and any other animal you wish. Ask them about the good qualities of being a certain animal (bear, duck, cat, dog, lion, flamingo, etc)

Try this at home: Help your child learn more about themselves and what makes them so special. Create your own “All About Me” book, listing all of the great things about being who you are. Compare the things that are different between family members and stress the importance of everyone having unique qualities. Encourage all members of the family to celebrate the things that you have in common, and the things that make you...you!

Additional books by Katy Hudson: Too Many Carrots, The Runaway Egg, Best Easter Egg Hunt Ever, All Things Bright and Beautiful, Animal Teachers, and A Loud Winter’s Nap

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